

NOTICE TO THE BAR

Complex Business Litigation Program (CBLP) – Additional Matters Eligible for Program Inclusion

The Supreme Court established the Complex Business Litigation Program (CBLP) for the handling of complex business, commercial and construction cases, beginning in January 2015. The details of the program were set forth in a prior Notice to the Bar dated November 13, 2014 and clarified in a Notice to the Bar dated April 22, 2015.

Cases are automatically placed in CBLP where the amount in controversy is at least \$200,000 and the case is designated by the attorneys or parties as case type 508 (complex commercial) or case type 513 (complex construction) on the Civil Case Information Statement. Additionally, actions to establish a constructive trust or impose an equitable lien to satisfy damages are also cognizable in CBLP, as are cases seeking legal relief in which ancillary injunctive relief is sought. The November 13, 2014 notice defined as excluded actions matters that are handled by General Equity or matters primarily involving consumers, labor organizations, personal injury, or condemnation, or matters in which the government is a party.

This Notice is to clarify that other complex business-related cases, including class actions, may be eligible for the CBLP inclusion provided they are not explicitly excluded from the Program. A party may file a motion to opt in to the Program setting forth the basis for the requested inclusion. The Assignment Judge or the Complex Business Litigation Judge of the vicinage will determine whether the case is appropriate for CBLP inclusion on a case-by-case basis. The Assignment Judge or the Complex Business Litigation Judge may also assign particular cases to the Program *sua sponte*.

Questions concerning this Notice or the Complex Business Litigation Program may be directed to the Civil Practice Division, Administrative Office of the Courts, Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 981, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0981; telephone: (609) 815-2900 extension 54900.



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